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1. Arrests followed a brawl between soldiers of the 7th Regiment of the 14th Division, stationed at the foot of Mount Aski (approximately 42° 15' North--45° 15' East). The exact date is uncertain. The incident probably took place in September 1953. The fracas was due to religious disputes between Moslem and non-Moslem Soviet soldiers. Religious incidents of this sort have not been unusual in the USSR forces in the Caucasus.
2. A 7th Regiment (branch and divisional assignment unknown) was reported near Kalagany, southwest of Baku, in June 1952. A 7th Infantry regiment (specifically identified as infantry) arrived at Djhasy from Grozny in December 1952. The 7th Infantry Regiment has been reported part of the 152nd Independent Division (Kiev).
3. Sometime about September 1953, there was an explosion in the Communist Party center at Borshovan, west of Tbilisi (Tiflis). Several members were seriously injured. The party director was killed.

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